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**TWENTY-EIGHTH Meeting of the BRITISH ASSOCIATION for the
 Advancement of Science, held at LEEDS, 22nd—28th September,
 1858.**

Section (F.)—Economic Science and Statistics.

President.—Edward Baines.

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The following Papers occupied the attention of the Section:—

Thursday, 23rd September, 1858.

The President.—Inaugural Address.

1. *John Strang, LL.D.*—Water Supply to Great Towns—its extent, cost, uses, and abuses.
2. *Thomas Bazley.*—Trade and Commerce the auxiliaries of Civilization and Comfort.
3. *William Newmarch.*—On the History of Prices in 1857 and 1858.
4. *F. G. P. Neison.*—An examination of the influence of overcrowding and density of population in producing Phthisis and Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, applied to some questions discussed in the recent Report of the Sanitary Condition of the Army.

Friday, 24th September, 1858.

1. *The President.*—On the Woollen Manufacture of England, with special reference to the Leeds Clothing District.
2. *James Kitson, Jun.*—On the Iron Trade of Leeds.
3. *Robert Baker.*—On the Industrial Economy of Leeds and its district.
4. *John James.*—On the Rise, Progress, and Present State of the Worsted Manufactures of Yorkshire.
5. *J. E. Dibb.*—On the Registry of Deeds in the West Riding.
6. *Dr. Bateman.*—On the Rate of Mortality in the Metropolitan Improved Dwellings for the Industrial Classes.

Saturday, 25th September, 1858.

1. *W. M. Tarrt*.—On Subjects connected with Crime and Punishment.
2. *Hamer Stansfeld*.—On Distinctions between Money and Capital.
3. *John Strang, LL.D.*—On the Money Rate of Wages in the West of Scotland, in 1851, 1857, and 1858.
4. *Professor Cairnes*.—On the Laws according to which a Depreciation of the Precious Metals, consequent upon an increase of Supply takes place, considered in connection with the recent Gold Discoveries.
5. *Samuel Brown*.—On the Financial Prospects of the British Railways.
6. *John Strang, LL.D.*—On the Sewing Machine in Glasgow, and its effects on Produce and Wages.

Monday, 27th September, 1858.

1. *James Heywood, F.R.S.*—Public Service—Academic and Teachers' Examinations.
2. *Edwin Chadwick, C.B.*—On the Practical Progress of the Principle of Competitive Examinations.
3. *John Pope Hennessy*.—Results of the Society of Arts' Examinations.
4. *Dr. Bateman*.—On the Degree of Education of Persons tried at the Middlesex Sessions.
5. *H. Walker*.—On the results of Free Trade.

Tuesday, 28th September, 1858.

1. *M. Van der Maeren*.—On Free Trade in Belgium.
 2. *Dr. Bateman*.—On the Investments of the Labouring Classes.
 3. *Robert Hunt*.—On the Mining Industry of Yorkshire.
 4. *W. Newmarch*.—On the recent History of the *Crédit Mobilier*.
 5. *John Pope Hennessy*.—On the prices of Cotton.
 6. *Col. Sykes*.—Notes on Indian Fibres, with Specimens.
 7. *J. G. Marshall*.—On the Flax Manufacture in Yorkshire.
 8. *C. H. Bracebridge*.—On self-supporting Dispensaries in Warwickshire.
 9. *Mrs. Fyson*.—On Colonial Postage.
 10. *Richard Valpy*.—Brief Review of the Operations in the Bank of England in 1857.
 11. *Wm. Donnelly, C.B.*—On Agricultural Statistics in Ireland.
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